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DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) A method of controlling a receiver station including the steps of:
programming a processor at the receiver station with a sequence of channels;
detecting one of a presence and an absence of a broadcast signal in a first transmission
transmitted from over a first remote station channel of said sequence of channels;
selecting a cablecast signal a second channel from said sequence of channels for reception of
a second transmission based on said step of detecting, said cablecast signal second transmission
being transmitted ~~from a~~ over said second remote station channel; and
~~receiving said cablecast signal~~ tuning a receiver at said receiver station to said second
channel based on said step of selecting.

4. (Cancelled) ~~A method of controlling a receiver station including the steps of:~~
~~detecting one of a presence and an absence of a cablecast signal transmitted from a first~~
~~remote station;~~
~~selecting a broadcast signal for reception based on said step of detecting, said broadcast~~
~~signal being transmitted from a second remote station; and~~
~~receiving said broadcast signal based on said step of selecting.~~

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5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, ~~further comprising the steps of: wherein~~
transmissions transmitted over channels in said sequence of channel are transmitted from different
sources

~~controlling a switch to select a cablecast signal input; and~~
~~communicating a signal from said selected cablecast signal input to a receiver.~~

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4 ~~3~~, ~~further comprising the steps of: wherein~~
said sequence of channel includes broadcast channels and cablecast channels and said step of tuning
comprises

controlling a switch to select a ~~broadcast~~ signal input; and
communicating ~~a signal~~ said second transmission from said ~~selected broadcast~~ signal input to
a said receiver.

7-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) A method of controlling at least one receiver station, ~~said at least~~
~~one receiver station in a network having a plurality of receiver stations~~, said at least one receiver
station including ~~one of a broadcast and a cablecast signal receiver~~, at least one processor, a signal
detector, said signal detector adapted to receive signals from said ~~one of a broadcast and a cablecast~~
~~signal receiver~~, and said processor programmed to ~~respond to signals from said detector~~ with a
sequence of channels, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving at ~~one of a broadcast and a cablecast~~ transmitter station an instruct signal which is
effective at controls said at least one receiver station to ~~perform one of the group consisting of:~~

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~~(a) selecting and receiving a cablecast signal based on one of a presence and absence of a broadcast signal; and~~

~~(b) selecting and receiving a broadcast signal based on one of a presence and absence of a cablecast signal~~ une said receiver to a second channel from said sequence of channels;

~~transferring~~ transmitting said instruct signal ~~to a~~ from said transmitter ~~station to said receiver~~
station over a first channel of said sequence of channels;

~~receiving at least one control signal at said one of a broadcast and a cablecast transmitter station, said at least one control signal designating said at least one receiver station of said plurality of receiver stations in which said instruct signal is addressed; and~~

~~transferring said at least one control signal to said transmitter, said one of a broadcast and a cablecast transmitter station one of broadcasting and cablecasting said instruct signal and said at least one control signal to said plurality of receiver stations.~~

22-28. (Cancelled)